

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: BALNK et al.
Serial No.: To Be Assigned
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For: **FUEL CELL HAVING A PREHEATING ZONE**

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
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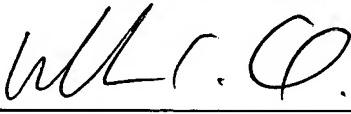
LETTER RE: PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority of German Application Serial No. 102 32 870.6, filed July 19, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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